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(57) Abstract: The instant invention is drawn to the identification and use of information regarding one or more porcine leptin receptor (pLEPR) gene polymorphisms as a marker to identify animals to serve as breeding stock for enhanced pork production. One particular polymorphism of pLEPR gene results in either a methionine or a threonine amino acid residue at position 69 of the protein that the pLEPR genes encodes. The pLEPR gene is located on porcine chromosone 6 and have been shown to be associated with determination of daily feed intake, among other factors.

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